On the basis of data for the year 1989-90, drugs with a turnover of Rs. 400 lakhs or more, having market competition and drugs with a turnover of Rs. 100 lakhs or above but below Rs. 400 lakhs, having no monopoly situation have, therefore, not come under price control.

(b) Against 142 drugs in price control under DPCO'87, presently there are 76 drugs in price control under DPCO'95. However, these 76 drugs include 21 drugs which were having very high turnover but were outside price control earlier. Studies conducted from time to time after coming into force of DPCO, 1995 indicate that increase of medicine price is generally not across the board and abnormal. There is also decrease in prices in some cases.

(c) Reconsideration is dependent upon availability of updated data as provided for in para 22.7.2 (v) of 'Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986

Non-utilisation of funds allocated for Mid-day meals scheme

4040. SHRI PARAG CHAL1HA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated to States by the Centre of finance/subsidise scheme of Mid-day meals, which is in the priority sector, remained unused and were surrendered last year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of funds allocated to Kendriya Vidyalayas and what is the utilisation percentage; and

(d) what are the reasons for non-utilisation and what are the steps contemplated for 1996-97 to ensure full utilization of allocated funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) The initial allocation under the Mid-day meal Scheme, launched with effect from 15th August, 1995, was Rs. 611.79 crores in 1995-96. However, releases to the Food Corporation of India upto 31.3.19%, which supplies foodgrains to the States/ UTs were Rs. 441.38 crores. The shortfall was due to the reason that the States took time for adopting and operationalising the scheme.

Shifting of research centre of C.l.F.T.

4041. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to shift the Research Centre of C.l.F.T. at Burla (Orissa) to some other place; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Burla Research Centre of the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (C.l.F.T.) was established in 1963 for the development of fish harvesting techniques in Hirakud Reservoir. The Burla Centre has already served the Orissa fisheries for a period of more than 32 years and has achieved its objectives in Orissa. Having completed its mandate and as per the recommendations of the Fourth Quinquennial Review Team (Q.R.T.) of C.l.F.T. for the period 1986-93, the Cente is being shifted to Madhya Pradesh.

कृषि क्षेत्र में निवेश

4042. श्री ओ॰पी॰ कोहली: क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कृषि क्षेत्र में निवेश में गिरावट आई है;

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान बैंक द्वारा दिये गये कुल ऋणों की राशि में से वर्ष-वार कृषि क्षेत्र का हिस्सा कितना रहा है; और

(ग) कृषि क्षेत्र में निवेश बढ़ाने के बारे में सरकार का क्या दृष्टिकोण है और इस दिशा में क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?